



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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GOVERNOR

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Commander Jose P. Ortiz, III, Capitol Region
Texas Department of Public Safety
1500 North Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Commander Ortiz:

The State of Texas has lost an important legislative leader with the passing of State Senator Mario V. Gallegos, Jr. of Houston. As a mark of respect for this widely acclaimed public servant, it is fitting that flags in Texas be lowered to half-staff.

Therefore, pursuant to Chapter 3100 of the Texas Government Code and Title 4 of United States Code, as Chief Executive Officer and Governor of the State of Texas, I do hereby direct the immediate lowering of all State of Texas and United States flags under the control of the state to half-staff in memory of the Honorable Mario V. Gallegos, Jr.

Flags throughout Texas should remain at half-staff for three days through sunset on Friday, October 19. Flags should be lowered again on the day of interment once it is set by the family if the date is set beyond October 19. Flags in Texas Senate District No. 6 and throughout the Houston and Harris County area should be lowered to half-staff immediately and remain at half-staff through sunset on the day of interment once it is set by the family. Please notify all pertinent personnel within your agency and other state agency leaders of this directive.

Our prayers of comfort are extended to Senator Gallegos' family in their time of grief, and I urge all Texans to remember and honor his life of service to the State of Texas.

Respectfully,

RICK PERRY
Governor

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